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## Supreme Court To Hear Mrs. Gandhi's Appeal In August

The Supreme court of India has fixed August 11 as the date to start hearing the appeal on behalf of Mrs.Gandhi following her conviction by the Allahabad court for election malpractices. Mrs. Gandhi had wanted an earlier date but S.Bhushan, Raj Narain's lawyer, succeeded in getting this date in August. Mr.Narain is currently under detention. Former Haryana advocate General will appear on behalf of Mrs.Gandhi.

Meanwhile, the Indian parliament will meet on July 21 to approve the emergency in force. About 20 members of the Parliament are under detention.

Finance Minister C.Subramaniamsays he intends to clamp new limits on expense account luxuries, gasoline and electricity consumption. More energy resources will thereby become available for boosting production.

Mrs.Gandhi has told Indian businessmen to help her in uplifting the economy or face tough sanctions under the emergency rule. She met with the top leaders of business and industry for 90 minutes and outline her stand just as she had done with labour leaders a few days ago. She said "While the Government will look into the genuine difficulties of industry, it will not hesitate to come down heavy on those who resort to practices that resttict production."

The Congress party of Tamil Nadu has accused ruling DMK of going against the central government policies. The DMK said it was behind Mrs.Gandhi in her efforts to help the poor and the downtrodden.

## Skulls In R.S.S. Offices

New Delhi; July 14(UNI): Swords, spears and skulls were among the things seized by the authorities from the offices of the Rashtriya Swanyak Sangh, Ananda Marga and other organisations which were banned.

Reports of arrests of members and supporters of these organisations continued to be received.

Offices of these organisations all over the country have been sealed.

Meanwhile, persons detained under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act after the proclamation of the national emergency cannot move the Courts for enforcement of the rights under Article 19 of the Constitution in addition to those covered by Articles 14,21 and 22.

## Urban Ceilings Soon

Madras, July 14(UNI): A new law to enforce the socialisation of urban land and ceiling on ownership would be brought soon, the Finance Minister, C. Subramaniam, announced here. He said in an interview that the new legislation would be retrospective to the date of announcement of the new economic programme by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, to prevent speculation and transactions to circumvent the ceiling law.

"Nobody would be allowed to escape from the ceiling law", he added.

Mr. Subramaniam said he would discuss with the state chief ministers the follow—up measures to be undertaken to implement the 20—point economic programme.

## Special Discounts For Foreigners

New Delhi, July 8(UNI): To promote travel between adjacent countries during the South East Asia Tourism Year 1975, Indian Airlines has announced 20 per cent discounted individual excursion fares on its normal economy circle trip fares.

These discounted fares would be applicable for travel from and to Karachi, Bombay, Colombo, Calcutta, Dacca, Kathmandu, Delhi and Lahore on the basis of fixed routings.

Indian Airlines has included Karachi and Lahore in this scheme keeping in view that it would have to operate flights to these places as soon as the issue of ban on overflights between India and Pakistan was resolved.

Besides the discounted fare, Indian Airlines provides two "Budget Price Air Tours" to foreign tourists——'DISCOVER India' at 200 dollars for 14—day Go—Round—India and 'Youth Fare India' for age—group of 12 to 30 years with 25 per cent off on normal fares.

## Immigration Committee Holds Hearings In Ottawa

By Olga Ghosh

The special Joint Committee on Immigration has been hearing briefs and questioning witnesses throughout the country in recent months. At least two thousand written briefs, possibly more, will be submitted to this Committee, while 450 oral briefs have already been heard.

The Committee was in session in Ottawa on July 10 and a representative of Canadian India Times sat in on the proceedings during the afternoon hearings. Submissions were made mainly by national groups, though there were also two private briefs. Readers are herewith reminded that briefs are accepted not only from organizations, but also from individuals.

The briefs varied considerably in length and content. Obviously most organizations have a particular axe to grind, one which seems to them to affect some aspects of their group. Surprisingly few statistics were quoted. Most briefs were concerned with the sociological aspects of immigration, though some were also interested in the economic aspects. Two falling in this latter category were those of Dr. N. H. Lithwick of Carleton University and that of the Mining Association of Canada.

**IMMIGRATION AND URBAN PROBLEMS**

Dr. Lithwick addressed himself to only one issue implied by the Green Paper: "that is that immigration "causes" a significant proportion of our urban problems". He states "It is correct that most immigrants head for our largest cities, and it is also correct that our largest cities are experiencing mounting urban problems..."

He then goes on to show the economic basis of migration and concludes that "this leaves international migration as the only remaining long term source of increased labour supply for sustained economic growth". Later in his brief he questions the assumption that migtants "create" urban problems and states "I know of no evidence to support that thesis, and its key role in the Green Paper's analysis is unwarranted". He concludes as follows: "The argument that migration leads to a deterioration of urban life as a general phenomenon cannot be substantiated. This means that a policy designated to limit levels of population inflows cannot be defended on the basis of the urban consequences of immigration".

**THE MINING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

The oral presentation of this brief concerned itself mainly with a pertinent letter written to Mr. Andras, the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, in December 1973.

Quotes:..." In the light of past experiences, and having regard to the need for immigrants to be selected in part on the basis of how readily they will find a place for themselves in Canadian society, Canada should probably concentrate on securing immigrants from European countries.

This proposal is counter to the trend of immigration in recent years and to the Department's practice during this time of opening immigration offices in Third World countries".

"....It is certainly true that our labour market requires mostly skilled people but there is also a demand in Canada for people who are "trainable" or who are willing to take jobs of a relatively unskilled nature, or who are prepared to work in frontier regions. There is a labour demand for such workers which is not being met by the Canadian labour force and we believe, therefore, that Canadian immigration policy should not place such a high premium on skills and education as to exclude those who are without them, but for whom there is nevertheless a need in Canada". "... We would welcome action by the Department of Manpower and Immigration to attract workers, either within Canada or from abroad to settle in the more remote areas..."

**THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

This brief, presented orally, concerned itself with legal issues rather than policy. The Association wished to deal with the basis of legislation, so that persons convicted by it, will be protected as fully possible. People cannot always obtain information of charges and convictions. Enquiry hearings should be held with a view to having an independent arbitrator not connected with the Immigration Department. The Immigration Act is silent on certain aspects. What, for instance, is moral turpitude? The definition is left to the Courts. It is not set out clearly in the Act.

Mr. Donald Greenbaum, lawyer, chairman of the Committee presenting the brief was questioned by Mr. Lee, a member of Parliament from Vancouver:

Mr. Lee: "How much do lawyers charge for cases? Often they charge a lot for cases which are hopeless".

Answer: "This was never discussed".

Mr. Stollery (M.P.) "Has anyone ever been disbarred for accepting fees for what is essentially a hopeless case?"

Answer: "No figures are available. Often a lawyer warns that a case is hopeless, but the client insists because he gains time. Is he then not entitled to representation?"

Upon further discussion the lawyers expressed dissatisfaction with some existing regulations. Immigrants, they said, do not always question regulations. Why should someone who has been deported require a special Minister's permit for re-entry? This severely restricts the right of appeal. There should be an unlimited extension of the visitor's visa in such a case.

**PRIVATE BRIEF PRESENTED BY EDWARD A. PICKERING**

Mr. Pickering had impressive credentials. He was during the course of his career Assistant Private Secretary to Prime Minister King 1929-39. Assistant General Manager C.B.C. 1938-39 General Manager (Personnel) Simpson Sears Ltd., Toronto 1953-58 Vice President, Personnel, Simpson Sears Ltd., Toronto. He is presently a business consultant. He holds a number of important committee positions; Among others he is a member of the Admissions Committee, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

Nevertheless, this writer found Mr. Pickering's brief somewhat distressing. It seemed a thinly disguised racist document, despite the fact that his brief is couched in reasonable, ever conciliatory language. At times he waxed nostalgic about the good relations he had in his childhood with coloured immigrants in the city of Windsor. But throughout the brief there are passages (remarkably devoid of statistics) which lead one to conclude that Mr. Pickering would like to close the door to coloured immigration.

Quote: "The larger a minority grows, the more visible it becomes and the more difficult is the process of absorption. When a minority grows to the point where it constitutes a threat to other minorities, let alone to a majority, the process of adjustment seems to reverse itself in a series of disorders which can reach a convulsive stage.

He elaborates on the difficulties of Caribbean immigrants who he says now find themselves "not in

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# Links Of Reactionaries To Foreign Contacts To Be Cut

New Delhi, July 14(UNI): The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, has said that the Government will do its best to sever the links of Indian reactionaries with similar elements abroad.

In an interview to a Bombay weekly, she said "I should have thought that any patriotic persons would not have such links and certainly if there are we should do our best to sever the links."

Asked to comment on statements of "the reactionaries at home and their friends abroad ... that you have finished democracy in India, Mrs. Gandhi said she could not think of anybody else who has done more to try to strengthen democracy in India. "The people who are today criticising us or accusing us are the people who supported——not in India but abroad——Yahya Khan in 1971. Now I do not know whether they would say that this is a perfect democracy".

Discussing her new 20—point economic programme, the interviewer drew Mrs. Gandhi's attention to assertions by some people that the new measures could have been taken without arresting the Opposition leaders.

A joint Indo-French expedition climbed the highest mountain in India, Nanda Devi (7818 metres), and Nanda Devi East (7434 metres). Pic shows H. C. Sarin, President, Indian Mountaineering Foundation (facing mike) and Pollet Villard, leader of the expedition to his right and Lt. Col. B. S. Sandhu, Deputy leader to his left.

# Communal Organisations Banned

New Delhi, July 14 (UNI): In what is described as a bid to curb the activities of communal organizations and political groups believing in the cult of violence, the Government of India banned the Rashtriya Swayam Sweak Sangh (RSS), the Jamaat-i-Islami, the Ananda Marga and the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist).

The ban, imposed under Rule 33 (1) of the Defence and Internal Security of India Rules, covers 26 organizations, which include groups allied to the Ananda Marga and the various factions of the CPI (M) and other splinter elements vowed to the overthrow of the Constitution by extra-constitutional methods.

This is the second time that the RSS has been banned.

The earlier occasion was immediately after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi on January 30, 1948. The ban was revoked after a few months on a specific assurance by RSS leaders that the organization would abjure politics and confine itself to social and cultural activities.

The Jamaat-i-Islami is described by official circles as a counterpart of the RSS, fanning communal frenzy among Muslims.

The Home Minister, K. Brahmananda Reddy has issued instructions to the Governments of states and union territories to take immediate steps to curb their activities.

Meanwhile, within one week of promulgation of emergency in the country June 26, efforts are being made to improve efficiency in Government of India and other public offices.

Surprise checks have been made in many government departments to check absenteeism and late-coming. For example, the Minister of State for Railways, Mohammed Shafi Qureshi, on two successive days visited two differein railway establishments, locked the office doors fifteen minutes after opening time and had a list made of late-comers.

## Hearings

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a friendly ... but a hostile environment". "This unfortunate experience could well be repeated with respect to immigrants from the Far East and India and Pakistan..." "It is no kindness to immigrants to let current problems drift until much more serious animosities arise. They no less than we will suffer". "We are facing an acute sociological problem wich will not go away simply because some people raise the cry of racial discrimination."

The problem is not solely one of numbers. The Italians, the German, the Dutch, and the Portugese who have come to Toronto since the war in great numbers, have found a place in our scheme of things with less upheaval than some other and even smaller immigrant groups. Bringing with them few if any fundamental differences of culture, religion or race, they were more compatible with the community to begin with. In the case of immigrants from Asian and Caribbean countries, there are highly visible differences of race, often of creed and certainly of cultural background. Even where the language is English, there is often a linguistic barrier due to difficulties of idiom and accent.

"To say that immigration should be based on need, regardless of colour, creed, class or country or origin is a little too pat. It may have a fine moralistic ring, but it is a simplicistic formula."

Despite all the foregoing, plus citing examples of racial disturbances in other countries (US and England), Mr. Pickering concludes that this "is a sociological problem calling for reasonable and practicable answers; worked out tolerantly with ill-will toward none".

There is one other brief which ought to be mentioned. It is a statement by Dan Leckie, Chairman of the Toronto Board of Education's Work Group on Multicultural Programs.

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[illegible] by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the National Union of Students, Association Canadienne des Libertes de l'Ontario, the Royal Canadian Legion, it is not practicable here to present resumes of all briefs. The above, however, gives a cross section of opinion.

# No More Compulsory Deposits

New Delhi, July 15 (UNI): The Compulsory Deposit Scheme under which additional wages were deposited ceased to operate from July 12, the Government of India has announced.

The Scheme originally was to expire on July 5.

However, the scheme in regard to additional dearness allowance will continue for another year.

The Government has appealed to the employees to voluntarily contribute to the Compulsory Deposit Scheme on wages.

# Mrs. Gandhi Backed By Some Foreign Press

New Delhi, July 11 (UNI): Several foreign newspapers have welcomed the "tough measures" which the Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, has taken with "foresight" to head off trouble sparked by Opposition parties in India. In editorials they have endorsed the declaration of a state of emergency as the only way for her to deal with the present situation.

The Canadian newspapers "The Vancouver Province" has in an article under the caption "Battle for India" said: "A seasoned political fighter like Mrs. Gandhi could hardly be expected to resign tamely because a judge in Allahabad ruled that she was guilty of corrupt practices in election. These offences were so minor that they are not regarded as significant in most democratic countries".

The paper said: "Mrs. Gandhi's career as India' legal Prime Minister is by no means over and it would be premature, to put it mildly, to interpret her decision to arrest Opposition leaders under the state of emergency as making the start of a new career as dictator of India".

Allowing the disobedience movement launched by the Opposition parties was a risky step for India which required complete stability at this stage of its economic development.

The paper said "In times of danger all democracies including Canadian have seen fit to suspend the civil liberties without which (he democracy is meaningless. This has usually resulted in strengthening of democracy rather than the reverse."

The "Nepal Times" in an editorial has said that the opposition onslaught was not on Congress policies and measures but was "Concentrated on personal opposition to Mrs. Gandhi". This was the "unfortunate aspect of opposition in India".

The paper said "In the course of their attempt to oppose Mrs. Gandhi personally at any cost, Opposition parties have even restored to such unconstitutional and irresponsible means as inciting army and the police to revolt. The question of Mrs. Gandhi obliging them by resigning does not arise because she enjoys unstinted support of the Congress Parliamentary Party and the Supreme Court's order".

The paper said "The Opposition should have let the law take its own course, and awaited the Supreme Court's judgement on Mrs. Gandhi's case".

Denmark's "Politiken", "Information" and "Berlingske Tidende" have also commented favourably to Mrs. Gandhi's action.

Lebanon's largest circulated Arabic daily "Al Nahar" has said: "One cannot but dread the possibility of the opposition alliance in India forming a government because the disunity and conflict among the parties in the alliances is enough to blow up the economic, political, regional and religious structure of the country.

The Soviet people treat with understanding the measures taken by India in declaring emergency and "arresting a number of reactionaries" says APN.

The aggravation of the political situation in India had caused concern among Soviet and other progressive peoples of the world who thought a serious danger loomed over the peaceful, democratic country.


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## Economic Measures Announced

New Delihi, July 12 (UNI): The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, announced a 21-point package of economic measures to bring immediate relief to the hard-pressed sections in rural and urban areas, which included a moratorium on recovery of loans from landless labourers, small farmers and artisans, and revision of the income tax exemption limit to Rs 8000 ($1066.67) from Rs 6000 ($800).

In her eagerly awaited broadcast to the nation the third since proclamation of emergency, Mrs. Gandhi expressed her anguish at the plight of the rural poor and promised a phased programme of liquidation of rural indebtedness, speedier land reforms, of minimum wages and an immediate ban on bonded labour.

Mrs. Gandhi declared that urban and urbanisable land would be socialised. Ceilings would be enforced on ownership and possesssion of vacant land and on plinth area of new dwelling units.

Special squads would be formed for proper evaluation of urban property which was now grossly under-valued and in the construction of which a great deal of black money was being used. She warned of stern punishmentand summary trials to those evading tax in this way.

Mrs. Gandhi promised to intensify the drive against smugglers and said that their property, held in their own name or otherwise, would be confiscated. She regretted that the Government's earlier drive against smugglers had been thwarted by their securing release on technical points.

Expressing her determination to carry forward the anti-inflational strategy, the Prime Minister expressed gratification at the fall in prices since the proclamation of emergency. She said the public distribution system would be streamlined to bring down the prices of essential commodities.

Essential articles would be supplied to students in hostels at controlled rates. So would be books and stationery.

Mrs. Gandhi began her broadcast by observing that there were no magic remedies to remove poverty. This could only be done by "hard work sustained by clear vision, iron will and the strictest disciplines."

Mrs. Gandhi said the emergency had "given us a new opportunity to go ahead with our economic tasks". She said the campaign of breaking laws and paralysing national activity and incitement of security forces to commit indiscipline would have led to economic chaos and collapse, and made the country vulnerable to fissiparous tendencies and external danger.

Earlier in the morning, Mrs. Gandhi told the Congress Parliamentary Party executive that the Government was forced to declare emergency in order to frustrate the plans of certain organization to organize "widespread sabotage" in the country.

In fact, certain organizations believing in violence had started going "underground" for the purpose even before the emergency was declared, she added.

Mrs. Gandhi said that in the name of preserving democracy, democracy itself was sought to be badly bruised and mauled by those who called themselves its saviours.

It was a very sad state of affairs that those who professed faith in non-violence, were themselves giving "open encouragement" to forces of violence like Naxalites.

Moreover, Mrs. Gandhi said there was a general slackening in discipline in various walks of like industrial establishments, educational institutions and govt. offices. It was necessary to get the people back on the "rails", if the country was to progress rapidly and in an orderly manner.

## Indians Honoured Overseas

New Delhi, July 10 (UNI): Novelist R. K. Narayan has been awarded the 1974 English Speaking Union Books Abroad Literary Award for his autobiography "My Days" by the American University, Washington.

The award carries a prize of 2,000 dollars.

Informing this to newsmen here, Mr. Narayan said that the award was given annually to a non-native speaker of English from Africa and Asia and certain other areas of the third world for the best fiction, poetry, drama and certain other related works.

Miss Indira Milton, an Indian air hostess employed in the British Airways, has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air.

The announcement was made by the London Gazette which said that Queen Elizabeth II has recognized the outstanding devotion to duty and fortitude shown by Miss Milton during the recent hijacking of a plane of the British Airways.

Dr. Ravindra Pratap Rao, reader in the Chemistry Department of the Gorakhpur University, has been invited to serve as a visiting professor in the Organic Chemistry Department at the University of Mons, in Belgium, for a period of two months this year.

Dr. Rao has done some work in the field of heterocyclic chemistry, medicinal chemistry and mass spectrometry, and returned from a four month's lecture trip of Belgum, Holland and Germany in December last.

## Adverse Balance In Foreign Trade

New Delhi, July 15 (UNI): India's foreign trade for 1974-75 ended in an adverse balance of about Rs 11,000 million ($1433.33 million), according to provisional figures available with the Government of India.

The exports in the last financial year, 1974-75, were around Rs 32530 million ($4337.3 million) representing an increase of nearly 29 percent over the preceeding year. However, the total imports for the same year were of the order of Rs 43487 million ($5798.28 million) resulting in adverse balance of Rs 10957 million ($1460.93 million).

The Commerce Ministry sources fear that the trade gap may further be widened in the current financial year 1975-76.

The gorwth trend witnessed by India's export trade in 1973-74 has continued during 1974-75 also. But owing to large imports, the deficit on account of foreign exchange has tended to rise.

## Hypertension And Have Nots

Bombay, July 13 (UNI): Contrary to the assumption, highblood pressure does not make much distinction between the haves and the have-nots, according to the Maharashtra Minister of State for Public Health, Dr. Leon D'Souza.

Dr. D'Souza was citing preliminary figures of a study on the detection of hypertension released by the Bomby Municipal Corporation here. The first-ever "systematic" study had been conducted in collaboration with the Medical Research Society of the Sir H.N. Hqspital and a few other medical agencies.

## Aryabhata Tests Successful

Bangalore, July 14 (UNI): The ground stations have successfully completed the communication tests through the first Indian scientific satellite "Aryabhata", orbiting the earth, Prof. U.R.Rao, Project Director of Indian Scientific Satellite Project (ISSP) said here July 3.

Prof. Rao said at a meeting here that a "live voice message" sent from the ground station at Sriharikota had been transmitted to the ground station at Bangalore via "Aryabhata".

Dr. Rao said the "Perfect functioning" of Aryabhata had paved the way for launching the Earth Resources Survey Satellite in 1977-78.

## Rural Banks Soon

New Delhi, July 13 (UNI): The Government of India would be opening fifty specially rural-oriented banks by Gandhi Jayanti (Mahatama Gandhi's birthday) Day (October 2) this year, the Finance Minister, C. Subramaniam said her. These would provide credit to the rural population.

Mr. Subramaniam, who was explaining the new economic program announced by the Prime Minister in a Delhi Television interview said the removal of rural indebtedness was one of the most important points of the new economic program. The rural-oriented banks were to play the crucial role in providing credit to the large masses of the rural poor, who were engaged in agriculture.

Mr. Subramaniam said the question of moratorium on rural debts should be viewed from the general perspective of removal of poverty.

Mr. Subramaniam explained that while the social objectives of the Government remained the same, the Prime Minister had indicated "new methods", new approaches and new instruments to achieve these objectives.

## Allowance For Students Abroad Raised

Bombay, July 10 (UNI): The maintenance allowance admissible to students going abroad for higher studies increased from April one, the Reserve Bank of India announced recently.

The students going to the United States and Canada would get 3,000 dollars a year instead of the present 2,520 dollars and those proceeding to the United Kingdom and other countries 900 pounds instead of 700 pounds. The amounts would be in addition to the tuition fees in respect of which foreign exchange was released on the basis of actuals.

The Bank had also decided to release foreign exchange only to students with 60 percent marks and who had secured admission for the post-graduate degree or diploma courses abroad.

## Ragging Banned

New Delhi, July 15 (UNI): Ragging has been prohibited all over India.

This was being done because ragging had of late taken undesirable forms causing mental and physical embarrassment to fresher-students.

The Madhya Pradesh Govt. has already banned ragging while in Kashmir, it has practically come to an end following stern action by the authorities.

## Food Grain Production Up

Bombay, July 13 (UNI): The total foodgrains production during 1974-75 is likely to reach 104 to 105 million tonnes as against 103.7 million tonnes in the previous year, according to the Reserve Bank of India bulletin for April.

The prospects for the 1974-75 winter (rabi) season are good due to favourable rains and the winter grains outturn is now expected to touch 42 to 43 million tonnes, a rise of seven to eight million tonnes over 1973-74. Wheat, the major winter crop, estimated at 27 million tonnes, would show a rise of five million tonnes.

The monsoon (Kharif) crops in 1974-75 which is 62 million tonnes is lower by 2.7 million tonnes than in 1973-74. While the monsoon rice crop of 40 to 41 million tonnes has maintained the last year's level, the production of bajra (pearl millet) has declined from seven million tonnes in 1973-74 to four million tonnes this year, accounting for the fall in total cereals production.

## No Nationalisation Under Emergency

New Delhi, July 10 (UNI): The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, discounted rumours that industries would be nationalised and said that the Government's immediate effort was to maximise production and minimise unemployment.

She said this in her second broadcast to the nation since the promulgation of emergency in the country.

Mrs. Gandhi said that the emergency had to be proclaimed because the agitation scheduled to be launched by the Opposition parties from June 28 would have "posed a serious threat to democracy". It was necessary to avert it as this agitation was "neither in the national interest nor in keeping with democratic norms".

She said that the Opposition had programmed to incite the workers and the police with a view to weakening the centre.

## Prices Fall

Bombay, July 12 (UNI): The index number of wholesale prices during the busy season (October 26, 1974 to April 26, 1975) has registered a seasonal decline of 3.0 per cent for the first time since 1971-72.

According to the financial and economic review of price trends during the six-month period, appearing in a Reserve Bank of India bulletin, this is in contrast to the contra-seasonal increases of 14.6 per cent and 7.4 during the busy season of 1973-74 and 1972-73 respectively.

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## PRIORITIES

Developments in India following the conviction of Mrs. Gandhi for electoral malpractices have caught most people by surprise. Reaction to these developments have divided Indians in India and abroad alike into two camps - pro-Gandhi and anti-Gandhi. This is perhaps natural.

However, what is not healthy, as far as Indians in North America are concerned, is a sharp division of the community here based on these developments in India. Of course the developments are very important to the 600 million Indians in India. But people of Indian origin in North America need not get unduly excited about these developments. They should contin ue to focuss attention on their settlement problems and possibilities here and now rather than divide thelselves into anti-Gandhi camps and then fight each other. This will only hinder their progress here.

Indians in North America should learn to become more deeply involved in finding their place in the North American society with whose fortunes their future is closely tied in. There are problems of discrimination, image, infighting etc. to be faced and solved. At this juncture, therefore, getting carried away by events in India is unlikely to be much help.

One thing we should realize: Our home is North America and not India anymore. Nothing that will divide our community here can help us in this continent either in th short run or in the long run.

The Vice-President B. D. Jatti presented the National Awards for Excellency in Printing. The first prize for the best diary "India-1974" went to the Stateowned Indian Tourism Development Corporation being received by its representative.

## Mozambique appreciates Indian support

New Delhi, July 10 (UNI): President Samora Michael of Mozambique which has become independent after three centuries of foreign domination, has declared that India's "principled" support for the African liberation movement had made a "vital contribution to Mozambique's independence".

Mr. Samora has accepted an invitation to pay a state visit to India. India is also expecting a high-power economic delegation from Mozambique to discuss the scope for collaboration in the agricultural field and to diversify trade relations.

## LETTERS

# Power For People

I have read with interest, the letter of Anand Kumar, and I offer my comments.

It is a nice idea for the Indian nationals abroad to form groups and study the problems of the mother land.

Before independence, our National leaders said that educational system is rotten. Even when he was the President of India, in the fifties, Dr. Rajendra Prasad was talking about the rotten system. They ruled the country from 1947. Only in 1969, Indira Gandhi took control of the party and administration. Till that date no leader was speaking about corruption, poverty, rotten education etc. socialist leader Ashokametha was the planning minister. What they have done? Joyaprakash Narain went to Swivodaya. Now he is aged and the nation cannot expect that he will lead the country for at least five years.

If no strong leadership, with a solid political philosophy, is not developed, the same power socialists and industrial socialists will control the destiny of the nation for another 27 years.

The leaders who are behind the present movement wanted power, which they lost or missed. Nobody resigned manpower in the name of corruption, nepotism or favouritism. Nobody resigned saying that elections were not conducted properly. No one said that the political opponents must be freed before elections are conducted. No one is sincere excepts Jayaprakash. He is aged.

In this circumstances, it is well and good, if we join together, convey our ideas and do whatever we can for a new youthful leadership devoid of all the old power socialists and industrial socialists.

I welcome the ideas of Mr. Anand Kumar.

KURIAKOSE
NEW YORK

## Shameful Episode

I have been one of the regular readers of Canadian India Times since it came into existence.

I read your editorial dated March 20, 1975, under the heading "Shameful Episode". It appeals to me that you have not tried to go into the depth of the story.

A press conference was called by Gurdwara Reform Committee. (A committee formed to eradicate corruption from Gurdwara) and other respected members of the community on March 11, 1975, to clarify the story. The press was convinced that the cause of the March 9, Sunday melee was not who should have control of Gurdwara, traditionalist or reformed?

The real cause centers around the accounts of the year 1973-74. The accounts for that year were never duly presented to the General Body and as such were never approved.

In view of the growing dissatisfaction amongst the members regarding accounts, on Jan. 4, 1975 a commission was appointed by Dr. Jauhal's executive committee to look into the misappropriation of funds for the years 72-73, 73-74, 74-75.

I was appointed a member of the said commission. Unfortunately we were never supplied with the records needed to complete our enquiry.

At this stage there are lots of doubts and questions that will remain unanswered, pertaining to the Gurdwara finances in general, and finances for the year 73-74 in particular.

It was misuse and misappropriation of funds for the year 73-74, that led to a series of incidences and then to the battle of March 9, and not traditionalism and reformism as you have quoted in your paper.

Whatsoever the traditionalist say or preach is just a simple cover up of the facts.

I hope that these few lines will help in putting the story in the right perspective.

What I have said above, can be substantiated with documents.

SWARAN SINGH
TORONTO

## Racial Discrimination

May I bring yet another instance of balance racial discrimination to your notice. This here involves the medical profession.

For a medical graduate to enter into general practice, a year's internship in a recognized hospital is essential. Most of the Canadian hospitals (I may say - virtually all) accept interns only through Canadian Intern Matching Service (CIMS) Ottawa. The CIMS, in turn accepts membership only from graduates of USA, UK, South Africa, Republic of Ireland, Australia, New Zealand amongst the foreign countries.

The result of tis policy of CIMS is two fold. Firstly and primarily, it succeeds in denying jobs to intending immigrant doctors of all countries not favourites of CIMS. Secondly, it also denies jobs to doctors who may already be in Canada as immigrants or even citizens.

The offer of CIMS is always to contact the hospital direct. Here the colored doctors are not welcome. The second offer is to await the result of CIMS matching program and apply for unfilled posts. There generally is no vacant post and even if there is, it denied us fair competition for select posts.

One can understand the first priority to Canadian graduates. Why should preference be given to any country? As regards standards of education, all foreign graduates (here too some countries are exempted), have to pass a screening ECFMG exam.

Perhaps we have been too lethargic in protesting. Our cry since it is feeble, is ignored. Isn't it time to take action and assert our rights? Perhaps Mahatma Gandhi's example of 'Action' will help.

I shall like to have your opinion and helpful suggestion to mobilize public opinion. To me the injustice of this policy is so repugnent that I am prepared to spare no effort, shirk from no sacrific to obtain redress.

Hoping to hear from you.

DR. J. N. KALIA
HALIFAX

## Films For Afghanistan

New Delhi, July 15 (UNI): India will be exporting 40 feature films costing about Rs 17.5 million ($2.33 million) to Afghanistan every year through various channels under an agreement signed between the two govts. in Kabul last week.

This will prevent smuggling of Indian films into Afghanistan by some unscrupulous elements.

Under this agreement, which will remain in force for five years, the Government of Afghanistan will purchase a minimum of 40 films every year at a price mutually settled between the Indian and Afghan agencies. The Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation (IMPEC) will act as an export agency on behalf of the Government of India and the Indian film producers.

Indian films are extremely popular in Afghanistan and Indian film songs can be heared in every departmental store in Kabul.

Though the Indian films have become very popular, the financial benefits never reached either the producers or the exporters due to widespread smuggling activities.

## Sikhs And Sikhism

This refers to the letter to Editor Sikhs and Sikhism' in The Canadian India Times of June 5, 1975. Am pleased to find out that there are people like Mr. Thind in our community who know and can express the real meaning of Sikhism as preached and practised by Sikh Gurus. Hope he keeps on enlightening Sikhs of Canada time to time through your paper which happens to be the only voice of all people of Indian origin in Canada.

M. S. LAWRE
BURNABY, B.C.

## Book on Indian Economy

Twenty-five Indian economists affliated with various universities in the U.S.A. and Canada have pooled their efforts to publish an up-to-date book on Indian economy. The enthology entitled India's Economic Problems: An Analytical Approach containing twenty-four papers, seeks to provide a framework within which the students of India's economic problems could grasp the various facets of underdevelopment.

While Indian economists have made significant contributions to growth theory and planning techniques, the presentation of India's problems has remained cast in the mould of 'hard facts' and dry familiar figures. Each paper in this volume brings the apparatus of theoretical analysis to bear on a particular problem, using data only to stress the dimensions of the problem involved, or to substantiate the argument. The Indian economists, based abroad, have tried to present an integrated analysis of India's economic problems rather than a mere description of the economy. They have attacked the customary argument about the uniqueness of the Indian situation and posed the Indian economic problems in an international perspective for development.

The editor of the book is Dr. J. S. Uppal, Professor of Economics, State University of New York at Albany, N.Y. The foreward has been written by Professor Jagdish N. Bhagwati and the publisher is Tata McGraw-Hill, New Delhi. The royalty from the book has been donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund in India.

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# A Relaxed Nation

By George Mathew

New Delhi. In spite of the proclamation of the national emergency and the restrictions placed under it, "we are still one of the most relaxed nations in the world", Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has said.

In her first interview given to any newspaper, Mrs. Gandhi told the "Times of India" that if the opposition front had been allowed to carry out its plan of paralysing the nation, there would have been a serious breakdown.

"The aim of the opposition parties was obvious: to paralyse the government and indeed all national activity and thus walk over the body of the nation. The situation had come to such a pass that a few more steps would have led to disintegration, which would have exposed us to foreign danger," she added.

In her interview with the "Times of India" Mrs. Gandhi stressed that the basic structure of the nation has not changed in any way.

Asked about her view on the effect of the restrictions under the emergency, including that on the Press, on the functioning of the democracy she asked:

"What is the essence of democracy? Democracy is a way of life. Decisions should be openly arrived at, that people should have a right to choose and change governments peacefully, that political activity be conducted in accordance with constitutional provisions. Resorting every now and then to the so-called ultimate weapon of satyagraha is not democracy, nor is forcing through intimidation or coercion duly-elected legislators to resign. There is freedom of expression and debate in democracy, but can systematic and virulent character assassination without any basis in fact be indulged in the name of democracy? A campaign of hate and calumny was unleashed against me in 1969. But most of our Press did not protest at all.

"There are parties like the RSS* wrongly anti-Muslim and anti-Christian, which function in the twilight, and have secret constituencies. They try to exploit democratic freedom only to further their own sinister aims. Those whose idelogy is violence and disruption cannot be democratic.

"I am not happy that we have had to impose regulations on newspapers. But some journals had shed all objectivity and independence and allied themselves totally with the opposition front and did everything to spread doom and defeatism.

"With all these restrictions, I think we are still one of the most relaxed nations in the world. We are not a police state. Nor is it a one-party state. Three states have non-cogress governments". I do not think the basic structure of our nation has in any way been changed".

Asked her views on the impression that some internal difficulties within the Congress party had something to do with the declaration of emergency the Prime Minister said:

"It has been part of the psychological warfare of the opposition to go on suggesting that the Congress is ready to fall apart. It has been trying its hardest to split our party but without any success. Only about five persons were trouble-makers and that too because of out tolerance".

On a suggestion that the system itself had failed to withstand the stress and strains of new social challenges, Mr. Gandhi said:

"If there are groups intent only on weakening the system by any unfair means, the system cannot be blamed. Democracy implies an implicit acceptance of certain higher objectives: the government can be opposed but not national interests. The opposition front displayed an utter lack of understanding of this distinction. Their anger against me and the Congress obscured consideration of the nation's welfare. Democratic liberty does not include licence to undermine democracy itself. Even in a democracy there are limits which cannot be part of democratic functioning".

Asked who her advisors? Mrs. Gandhi said: "I consult a lot of people, but I take my own decisions".

# More Smugglers In The Net

New Delhi, July 15 (UNI): Nineteen more alleged smugglers have been detained in the last few days in the Government of India's intensified drive against smuggling following the Presidential Ordinance amending the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, an official release said.

This brings the number of smugglers detained in the latest drive to thirtyone.

Besides, smuggled goods worth more than Rs 5.4 million ($720,000) have been seized in raids conducted in different parts of the country, the release said.

Action has been initiated in the case of 100 smugglers who have been evading detention to proclaim them absconders. Their properties will be confiscated if they do not surrender by specified dates.

In the wake of the anti-smuggling drive launched last year a large number of Customs Officials have been either retired or transferred. Between October 1974 and June 1975, 44 officers have been retired, 346 transferred from sensitive posts and 75 more officials are being considered for compulsory retirement.

Meanwhile, following the ban on 26 communal organizations police sealed the headquarters of the Rashtriya Swayam Swaek Sangh in Nagpur and RSS branches in other parts of the country.

There have also been mass arrests of workers and members of these organizations.

The Government reiterated that strict action would be taken against Government servants not adhering to office hours.

In a press statement, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Personnel said that habitual non-observance of office hours would be considered "lack of devotion to duty". It also said that supervisory officers had been asked to carry out surprise checks in this regard, particularly during lunch hour.

## British Prizes

New Delhi, July 15 (UNI): Two of the three first prizes in the 1975 annual essay competition sponsored by the Royal Commonwealth Society London, have been won by students from India.

Miss Geeta Vohra, of St. Mary's Convent, Naini Tal, has won the first prize for Class A (16 to 19 years old) of a return flight for two persons to Britain. The first prize in Class C (under 14 years) of 20 pounds sterling in cash and 15 pounds sterling worth of books has been awarded to Vikas Kandolkar who is studying in a Goa School.

### Impressions-IV

# The Flight To India

By A. F. Ashtamudi

I gaze out through the miniscule window of the jumbo jet. Out into the drenching rain and into the neon-lit darkness of a New York night. The face of my son keeps haunting me; his smiles, his laughter, his unceasing questions, his impish ways. It is 8-30 pm. We are all aboard and ready to take off in an instant. Our almond-eyed stewardeses are racing up and down the aisles exhorting delinquent passengers to buckle up their seat-belts. The captain comes forth through the intercom in a crisp, lilting, Air India accent. He dwells a bit on the weather, expected flying time, flight altitude, and a few other pleasantries. Captain Kapoor's voice is smooth and steady, and designed to alleviate any incipient nervousness among his passengers.

I am, frankly, more interested in getting my hands onto a plate full of Indian food; preferably some rice and rasam. In eager anticipation, my stomach has begun to make clearly audible sounds.

Flying is a trying experience for me. It's been like that ever since my maiden voyage aboard an Indian Airlines viscount of pre-World War B vintage. That must have been some twelve years ago. I would rather travel in a third class train than fly. Apart from the mess that this mode of transportation imposes on one's circadian rhythm, there is the inevitable metabolic disturbance which could play havoc for days. Somehow, the very idea of flying is anathema to my constitution. But there is hardly a choice in crossing the Atlantic except by subjecting oneself to this punishing process.

The stewardesses are all Indian, except one who is pale-faced and bears all the distinguishing features of a thoroughbred Brooklyn lass. She is wearing Shalwar and Kameez with a dupatta trailing behind her in uneasy suspension. Perhaps she has difficulty keeping her sari in place. The others are all uniformly dressed in a pink sari and a modest blue choli. Also they sport a uniform smile. Presis Khambatta, the Bombay model in charge of Stewardess training for Air India, has handled her assignment with minimal distinction.

**MAN OF MEANS**

My companion to the right is a man of means. His face suggests a striking resemblance to that of a buttermilk and ghee vendor in Mattanchetri. I dwell on his face for a few seconds to assure myself that the connection is only superficial. His forehead has absorbed a large portion of his head area, and his stomach protrudes menacingly through the confines of his two-button sharkskin suit. His abdomen sticks out with a vengeance, like mount Annapurna. I despair when I contemplate the hazards and detours involved in trying to get past him into the aisle. The airlines should levy a surcharge on overweight passengers as it does on excess baggage. Considering the number of overweight men and women who patronise the Indian Airlines, it could be a profitable proposition.

We are one hour into the flight. Despite my anticipation, I see no signs of impending supper. My stomach rumbles ominously. I will have to wait for the break of dawn before any relief arrives. Meanwhile, liquor and snacks are being served. My neighbour gulps down his glass of bourbon in one fell sweep and immediately turns to me with a toothy smile. He is from Baroda and is returning from a business trip. From all indications he must be a rather successful business man. He begins by asking me about my family and finally diverges into such typically Indian questions as "Do you have your own house in the States?" "How much have you studied?" "How much salary do you earn?". I cut him short by indicating that I am an impoverished writer. And he settles on playing with his new toy; a Hewlett Packard electronic claculator. While he juggles expense accounts and eight digit figures, I am slowly, inexorably drawn into soothing sleep.

**MADRASSI**

At the break of dawn we reach Heathrow Airport on the outskirts of London. The morning fog surrounds us in a misty veil. Like a coy bride on the verge of deshabillement. The air is crisp, and I sense an indelinable charm as I peer out into the countryside. I am most anxious for a liberating shower. So I hasten to the restroom of the airport lounge in anticipation of a most refreshing ablution. And as I open the door, to my utter surprise, I am greeted in chaste Hindi by the attendant who bears a remarkable resemblance to my Hindi school teacher. I explain to him my immediate needs to him in English; whereupon he enquires whether I am a Madrassi. Now this is quite typical of the attitude of most people from Northern India. They tend to lump everyone from south of the Vindhyas as Madrassis. They somehow conceive of Southern India as a monolithic unit. I have noticed this tendency even among people who claim to be well educated and well travelled. So I wasn't surprised to find evidence of this in the Javarery of a London airport. I am told by the Hindi speaking attendant that the shower is out of order because of the energy crunch. Perhaps a shower is a rarity in this beleagured Island that is Britain. What a far cry from the days of Pax Britannica! He tells me that he is from Sindh and has been working at the airport for almost two decades. He also lets me in on a secret; that Indians who come in to use the facilities of that lounge, shy away from tipping. He does not sound bitter; merely letting something out of his chest. When I tell him that he reminds me of my Hindi teacher, he breaks into a smile and pats me on the back with unreserved affection. He says he was once a school teacher in Sindh. I discern a trace of regret in his voice as it trails off and I ponder the vicissitudes of a school teacher from India turned caretaker in an English lavatory.

passengers and crew from Air India. A veritable corrucopia of liquor, perfume, and other luxuries. It is a relatively small stone piled high with booze and smoke. Those who enter the store seem to be quite certain of their needs, except for a few timid souls who keep searching for that elusive Soma. Tobacco, liquor, and perfume; what a vile combination!

**PORONOGRAPHY**

At the exit counter, shopping baskets are indecently piled with Vat 69's, Johnny Walkers and Black & Whites; the perennial favourites of India's aspiring elites and landed gentry. The more affluent ones are reaching for Cognac and French Liqueurs. One stalwart fellow with a Sandhurst Moustache and a clipped military accent was barking at his aide and loading his cart with some heady stuff. From the looks of it I would imagine he has enough to satisfy the immediate needs of the seventh Rajput regiment in New Delhi. I watch him as he ambles over, half swaggering, to the perfume counter where his wife is liberally dousing herself with the whole gamut of French aroma. "Honey", she shrieks, "isn't this ravishing", and pushes her ungainly arm into the direction of his moustache. He twitches his nose approvingly, almost half heartedly. She displays a girth that swells into folds of many layers of fat. It certainly is not the triple fold that Sanskrit poets have been singing in praise for ages. I am disturbed by the tendency of some of our women to display their undulating stomachs complete with layers of adipose tissue to the gaze of all. I take enthusiastic delight in a well formed figure; a truly endearing sight in man or woman. But some of the stuff that is exhibited by those overeating, lethargic, blown up women high up in the social ladder, is indeed pornography.

As I walk back to the plane, I am faced by an army of friskers. They are not very thorough in their search. Their job is accomplished with the greatest alacrity. A quick sweep with both hands starting from the shoulder on down to the pockets. And that's it. This is in sharp contrast to the thorough search I was subjected to later in Frankfurt. In Germany it was a thoroughness bordering on paranoia. They searched us very thoroughly and methodically in a booth and during this time a burly German soldier stood across holding an automatic, which to me looked more like a mini cannon. Very menancing indeed. With the recent intensification of Arab-Zionist plots and counter-plots, it probably was a measure worth taking for the sake of innocent passengers. A young man who stood behind me making some hilarious comments about hijacking was carted away instantly for questioning.

Some comments about our stewardesses. Like the rest of us, they come in all sizes, shapes and colours; barring extremes. Of course they have a studied air of confidence and ease. They do not wear any Jewellry. Their silk sarees and cholis are a uniformly dull pink and blue. Perhaps they change colours from flight to flight. There is not the slightest evidence of bared midriffs. These are not girls with statuesque figures; for that would mean considerable tension among passengers. They are plain looking and well groomed to the point of simple elegance. Better by far than the rumbling beasts one encounters in United-Airlines, Pan Am, etc. I overheard a passenger remark that the Air India stewardesses were decidedly more solicitious of non-Indian passengers than the Indians. I am not able to corroborate that opinion.

With the astonishing diversity of regional costumes and jewellry in India, perhaps they could try regional attire. Simple, unpretentious, jewelry would not be out of place in Air India. I heartily endorse Kamala Dongerkerry who suggested this to the Air India people some years ago.

**HEALTH HAZARD**

There is one complaint I must voice about our stewardesses. And that is their unrelenting habit of fumigating the airline cabins after every stopover. They circulate around the cabin with aerosol cans spewing forth bursts of deodorizing spray. I suppose it is a necessary evil. But the way they handle it in Air India, it is as if the whole cabin is filled with people exuding malodorous vapours of unmitigated intensity. They keep spraying it high above,

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# Don't Slam The Door - I

By Gurcharan Rampuri

Canada is almost wholly populated by the immigrants from other lands. People of French, Anglo-Saxon and other European origins are 96 percent. The native Canadians are only 1.2 percent. The rest i.e. 2.8 percent are other ethnic groups which include Asians, Africans, South Americans who are so-called visible minorities from the 3rd world nations which comprise 70 percent of the total humanity.

The present fertility rate in Canada, at 1.9 has fallen below even the national "replacement level" of 2.1 , so any future growth of the population can only be through immigration from abroad. Therefore the immigration is a key question for the determination of the future of this country which should be considered in a very calm and dispassionate atmosphere. I really wonder whether the Green Paper on Immigration has been released at the best of times.

There is a general feeling in the people that it has been, rather knowingly, released at the most inappropriate time of econmic difficulties.

**RECESSION**

The whole of the western industrialized world is passing through a phase of recession and unemployment. So naturally the emotions are running high. The rational frame of thinking may not be present in a very substantial portion of our people.

It seems more reasonable that the discussion and any further action on the Green Paper should be postponed for at least one or more years until we are out of this difficult economic phase. The policy decided in more normal times will certainly prove to be more just and long lasting.

On page 17 of Book 1 of the Green Paper, it is suggested that the character of our society demands a policy approach that is non-discriminatory and humane. It also says that the consideration of Canada's population-future cannot be divorced from the world developments.

**ECONOMIC SLAVERY**

It is a fact that we Canadians as a nation, inspite of the large area of our country and the mineral resources it holds, don't belong to the exclusive club of the superpowers. Rather, our industries are mostly owned and monopolized by the foreigners. To maintain or even talk of political freedom in these conditions of economic slavery is not very realistic.

In these circumstances our real place is in the ranks of the 3rd World Countries which have the potential of providing us with a large market for the goods produced by our technologically advanced and expanding industries. Our government seem to have realized this to some extent and appears to be trying to diversify our trade and to lessen our dependence on our giant neighbour to the south. But the present pace of this process is really very slow. At this pace it will be a long time before we may realize the dream of our economic independence.

So when our policies for future immigration are decided we should be fair to the 3rd World Countries. They can supply the required manpower for the industry, agriculture and defensive purposes.

One of the old Indian political philosphers Chanakya says, "your neighbor nation will be your enemy because your interests clash with it. But the next nation will be your friend because its interest clash with your neighbor. Living next to a giant nation is not very comfortable. If you have to, then keep the friendly posture but be ready as an enemy."

We are discovering the truth everyday in oil and gas exports and threats connected with them, beef quotas, future giant tanker traffic in B.C. waters, drug trade, fishing, cry and push for continential energy policy!

So we should not view Mexico or any Caribean countries as a source only of cheap seasonal labour who come in thousands every year, work here for one or two years on special permits, live here as second class citizens and go back when we decide that they are no longer required. We have some historic common factors with them. Oregon was grabbed from Canada by the same power who took Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and California away from Mexico.

**NON-RACIST**

There is an influential group in our federal cabinet who would like to preserve the image of Canadian immigration policy being universal, just and non-racist. There are others who like to stop or reduce to the bare token, the immigration from the 3rd world. This split is not very secret.

For the group, who recognizes the value of the ethnic vote, the business of multiculturism is not an empty and ideal slogan. Rather, it is a very well thoughtout policy. As a consequence, in the last federal election, a comparatively larger number of candidates from the non-white ethnic groups were chosen to represent several constituencies. To some extent, the re[illegible]ing swing of the ethnic vote was a considerable factor in the success of the liberal party in having such a solid majority. The powers in saddle should not do something under any racist pressures to antagonise this ethnic vote.

The present role of some of the politicians and the main Canadian press has not been very helpful up to now. They single out very small minorities. In Toronto they are Italians and Blacks, in B.C. they are East Indians and Pakistanis and so on.

It is not coincidental that the Vancouver press gives a banner headline whenever a Canadian of East Indian descent is involved in some incident, small or big. The attitudes of our press are pitiably parochial. Our so-called national magazine Macleans classifies SIKHS as a VIOLENT-MINORITY. According to the author of this article "the Sikhs are British Columbia's least known, sizable and currently most unpopular minority", though he admits himself that "they are a people who are thoroughly likeable, zealously moral and in many ways a picture of everything Canadians wish immigrants to be", I wonder, how much of the present anti-Sikh ill-will and prejudice is been the result of the writings of our journalist friends like him who create stereotype images of any group of people they like to shower with their "kind" attention.

This attitude of the press creates problems not only for the minorities but, rather, the whole of the Canadian society pays a heavy price for this; one way or the other.

Due to the unnatural racial tensions even the labour movement is divided many times & consequently all workers, including the whites, suffer materially and mentally. The various levels of Govt. should think about it and legislate, if required, to correct the situation.

**NEWS**

It is no use appointing powerless Human Rights Commissions and the Govt. doing nothing about the forces who can undo years' of H.R.C.'s well meaning hard work in a few moments by giving a racially prejudiced twist to one news item. I sometimes wonder if there is something common in sadist young vandals and some of the reporters and editors who must be enjoying their jobs of doing harm to the society.

Some of our honourable members of parliament give alarmist statements about plane loads of East Indians and Chinese coming to Canada. Our Minister of Immigration exhorts Canadians to speak up and tell what kind of future Canada they want.

Richard M. Tait who himself helped prepare the Green Paper said, "we are now accepting a great many people from cultures which are very very different from ours." This shows the thinking of the people who prepared the Green Paper. How objective and impartial some of them are.

Prof. Signori a U.B.C. psychologist, a son of a Italian immigrant, says, "Canada should not even try to be idealistically fair. There have to be restrictions on immigration."

A senior federal official told TIME, "In plain language we are worried like hell about the influx of colored people and want to clamp down".

**SCAPEGOAT**

The aim of all this obviously is to find a scapegoat in these times of relative economic distress. The minorities are the easiest choice. In the time of the economic boom the immigrant workers were needed hence welcomed. Now if, due to the general economic downswing in the so-called free world coupled with some policies of our own government, the unemployment is on the rise, then to blame the immigrant workers as the cause is the easiest way out. To divert the attention of the people from real issues you have to provide a new target. So immigrant worker is set up for that role. To make the choice simpler and the division sharper, the difference in skin color, race, religion or culture are highlighted. The media is the most powerful weapon which is being used in the Western industrialized world for this purpose. Majority of the press, willingly or unwillingly, becomes the champion of the racist elements; no matter how much harm it may cause to the life of the people and how much good hard work done by some well-meaning agencies may be undone overnight. For example, in one of the meetings called by the B.C. Human Rights Commission, a journalist representing a big responsible daily of Vancouver was asked: "Why do you give a racial-twist to the news concerning some minorities?" The reply in essence was very honest. "We cater to the dominant majority of our customers and in this case they happen to be Anglo-Saxons."

So, do they really care what happens to the minorities? Even the value of service they offer to the majority is very doubtful. All they create in this process is arouse unfortunate, baseless prejudice of all kinds which definitely result in the meaningless violence, vandalism, law and order problems for the police and above all inhuman misery for the society as a whole. All they get is a few more copies of their newspapers sold. God only knows how profitable is the deal?

Gurcharan Rampuri is a punjabi poet and a free-lance writer. He has published four anthologies of his poems. His poems have been translated in English, Russian, and some languages of India. He is the President of PUNJABI LITERARY ASSOCIATION VANCOUVER (B.C.).

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# Impressions - IV

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to the sides, and sometimes into the faces of sleeping passengers. It is clearly a health hazard. At one point it became so suffocating that I felt as if I was in the midst of a thousand foul-mouthed, ageing Americans, soaked in embalming lotion.

The meals that Air India serves aboard its flights may not rate a star on the Michelin scale, but they are nevertheless a decent approximation of Indian food, especially if one considers the logistics involved in catering to over 330 men , women and children. It was not spicy or pungent enough for my palate; but then, that is a personal predilection. Their vegetarian meals on the whole, appear to be much better than their non-vegetarian counterpart.

**PLAYBOY**

My companion to the right has now turned from his electronic calculator to a recent issue of Playboy. I thought he was slightly nervous with incipient beads of perspiration held precariously on his bald pate as he fondly gazed at the titillating revelations spread out on the centre page. As we raced against time, he would doze off into a semi coma. He snored in fits and starts, and his sleep was intercepted by dreams; because he kept muttering something in Gujarati. During one portion of my flight, I find myself sitting in front of a smoke stack. A trio of foul mouthed persons were sending relentless columns of smoke which wafted into my unwilling direction. I am in a non-smoking section but there are a number of Indians sending smoke signals.

One of the most commendable things about Air India is its fine collection of modern Indian paintings. Whoever is in charge of this enterprise, must be a person of remarkable sensitivity. Two striking examples are B. Desai's 'Kama' and Satish Gujral's 'Village Scene'. One of the many instances where tradition and modernity have intermingled to the delight of aesthetic sensibility. It is a most appropriate example of contemporary art that is truly Indian. And for the weary passenger on Air India, beset by the tedium of a prolonged journey, these paintings offer a soothing relief to the eye and to the soul.

# Indians For Democracy

Recent acts of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India have severely shaken the very foundations of democracy. Censorship of the press, suppression of political opposition, and suspension of civil liberties are incompatible with the basic cornerstones of democracy which include independence of the judiciary, freedom of the press, civil liberties of individuals and respect for opposition. Mrs. Gandhi's acts have cast doubts in the minds of people about the survival of democracy in India.

In the wake of this serious crisis, members of Indian communities in various parts of the United States met in Washington, D.C. to form an organization, Indians for Democracy, to protest the recent acts and to reaffirm their faith in the basic democratic values. The group is comprised of persons majority of whom are non-political and have had no affiliation with any political party in India.

Efforts of Indians for Democracy have included demonstrations in Chicago and Washington, D.C. The Chicago protest was held on June 26 in front of the Vice Consul's office. A list of demands were given to the Vice Counsel to be sent to the President of India.

A similar demonstration was held in Washington D.C. on June 30 near the Indian Embassy. The petitions signed by about 500 persons to be forwarded to the President of India, was left in front of the embassy.

The demands were made at the protests which were included in the petition to be forwarded to President of India urging him to:

1. Lift the state of national emergency.
2. Restore fully and immediately the fundamental rights of all Indian citizens including freedom of the press.
3. Order the immediate release of all political prisoners, and
4. Allow the judicial process to continue and to see that the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, like any other Indian citizen, abides by the ruling of the Supreme Court of India.

Indians for Democracy are making efforts to work with Amnesty International to seek release of political prisoners.

This organization will continue to work with Indian citizens in the U.S. and other interested persons to mobilize public opinion and raise awareness of both Indians and Americans regarding the state of democracy in India.

Meetings have been scheduled by Indians for Democracy in over fifteen cities to discuss the developments in India over the last couple of years so that the more recent developments can be put in perspective.

Individuals and organizations in all parts of the country are urged to work with Indians for Democracy in these endeavors. Interested groups and individuals may contact by writing to: S.R. Hiremath, Chairman, national Coordinating Committee, Indians for Democracy, P.O. Box 672, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131 or call T. R. Rameshbabu (7[illegible]) 733-5614, S. R. Rajen (312) 363-8672.

An effective voice requires mass involvement.

# Sheikh And Beg Enter Assembly

Srinagar, July 15 (UNI): The Kashmir Chief Minister, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, and the Revenue Minister, Mirza Afzal Beg, registered stunning by election victories to enter the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly after a laspe of more than two decades.

The Sheikh polled 95.6 percent of all the valid votes polled at Ganderbal in Srinagar District. Mr. Beg's performance, though not as spectacular as the Sheikh's was quite impressive. He secured 84.6 percent of the valid votes polled at Devsar.

The Sheikh and Mr. Beg, who entered the arena as independents, inflicted humiliating defeats on their Jamaat-e-Islami and independent rivals. None of them could save their deposits. Observers saw the resounding triumph of the two leaders as a massive electoral endorsement of the accord which led to the Sheikh's assumption of office as Chief Minister on Feb. 25, this year.

There was a heavy turnout of voters in both Ganderbal and Devsar, the polling percentage being 90.87 and 85.27 respectively.

Observers pointed out that this indicated keen enthusiasm on the part of the voters to voice their approval for the Sheikh's policies.

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# FILMS

**APNE RANG HAZAAR**
**Story, production and direction by Ravi Tandon.**

From an extra to a successful movie director is no small advance though there is nothing unique about it. V. Shantaram for example, it is dedication, will to learn and sincerity which have made Ravi Tandon, like the others, what he is today — a sought-after director.

Tandon's first directorial venture, **Baldaan**, was not exactly a hit. Nobody remembers **Nirmaan**, his second, and Tandon himself wants to forget. On the 'Strength' of these two flops, no producer dare take a risk with him. But he had gained enough experience to launch his own film. Success of **Anhonee**, written by himself, made producer Premji to have him for directing **Majboor**, a plagiarized Indian version of **False Witness. Majboor**, is a crime thriller and social drama, had a style, narrative flair and considerable suspense.

**Apne Rang Hazaar** is a crime comedy with lots of action — an amusing cross like many other films seen recently, **Chori Mera Kaam** and **Lafange**. It has the same artifice, coincidence and manipulation which films of this genre specialise in. Its story — a playboy entrapped by a wily villainess and an innocent girl — has many strands and at one stage Ravi Tandon seems to be losing his grip. Some of the comedy sequences are long drawn out and thus lose their humour.

Sanjee Kumar in his second comedy role is not as effective as he was in **Manchali** in which he showed his comic potential to some perfection — sense of timing, funny postures and humorous situations — though this time again he lends a dignified stature to the role of a sophisticated playboy. K. K. Shukla, the screenplay writer, seems to have run out of ideas. Ravi Tandon also could not keep it at a spanking pace. Leena Chandavarkar's role is sorio-comic but she has lost the sparkle of **Manchali** and the youthfulness of **Anhonee**. Thank God we are narrowly saved this time from an erotic dance by her like the one she performed in **Anhonee** which hardly fitted in with its story.

Asrani is good only when he overacts. His **shuddh** Hindi dialogue is much more humorous than his comic antics. Paintal, as the saffronclad sadhu, gives Asrani good comic support. Bindu is seductive as usual; Kamini Kaushal manages to keep her identity of a kind and helpless Indian mother. In one scene when she teaches Leena Chandavarkar different dance styles she proves that she has not yet lost her old fire — there is as much rhythm in her dance steps as energy. Danny is his sophisticated wicked self.

**Apne Rang Hazaar** has only three songs but one misses the Laxmikant Pyarelal colouration in them. In one dance number, extras keep on changing from shot to shot — evidently the song dance number was picturized on different days and thus continuity was not kept up.

**ZAKHMEE**
**Produced by Tahir Husain**
**Directed by Raja Thakur**

With **'Geeta Mera Naam**, Sunil Dutt staged a come-back not as a romantic hero but as a tough guy, leader of a smugglers' gang. Later as a merciless dacoit he won more following. In **Zakhmee** he has been given a twin image — a romantic hero and a merciless revenge-seeker. Its genre is the same as that of **Mere Rang Hazaar**, with the difference that the comedy sequences are allotted to minor characters — Rakesh Roshan and Tariq. Reena Roy, the **Zameerat** girl, clad throughout in hot-pants is a sportive extrovert. Asha Parekh's squeaky voice is intolerable. Piloo Wadia repeats her dominating Parsi woman's role in **Bobby**.

**Zakhmee** is a T.V. Films' production and one can safely say that it has all the box office potential to win applause from the front-benchers. Tuneful songs by Bappi Lahiri are a plus point.

**Tailpiece:** If one goes by the Film Festival Directorate's historical sense then India achieved its independence not in 1947 but in 1950. This year it has instituted in the national Film Awards (now renamed National Film Festival) a Special Award for "Best Feature Film on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of India's independence on any of the following themes." **Alluri Seetha Rama Raju** [Telugu], **Dil Ki Raheen** [Hindi], **Dikkatra Parvathi** [Tamil] stand a fair chance of winning it. There are twelve films in nine languages in the running.

**LAFANGE**
**Produced and directed by Harmesh Malhotra**

Hilarity is often at the expense of others. In Lafange, two very odd types of comical criminals are the source of a lot of raillery at each other's cost and that of others. Lal, played by Pran, wears a red outfit as if to prove his name, spends his time profitably weaving intrigues around gullible dowagers lazing in a luxury hotel. Gopal (Randhi Kapoor aping his uncle Shammi Kappor of earlier days) has a different stock of beguiling tricks— like walking on water. Each has his own circuit and clientele. Suddenly Gopal intrudes into Lal's province, to the latter's resentment. The arrival about this time of Sapna a beauty queen poses a hitherto unfamiliar problem to the criminal twins, for each becomes engrossed in outwitting the other in the race for Sapna's favour, especially her money. The deceits they practice on each other to her amazement are delightful. Eventually her innocent ways prevail, Gopal turning lover boy and Lal a kind of protective god-father.

Enters a third Lafanga, a more seious one than the other two. He is the murderer of Sapna's father and pursues her like a shadow with an eye on her costly inherited necklace. Sensing danger, Lal and Gopal join forces to thwart the newcomer in his game of one-upmanship and his criminal design.

Up to this point the film is a genuine comedy and communicates itself freely and engagingly. Niceties of plot or characterisation are dispensable when the comical element is attractive enough. But the film proceeds from hoe to become an endless series of acrobatics especially by Pran who takes on single-handed scores of opponents. In fact in a stunt scene where he declined to have a double, he suffered a leg injury which made him immobile for many weeks — a price an actor sometimes pays for attempting to be realistic). There are innumerable fights, fisticuffs and chases which do not seem to stop.

Lafange has a narrative and several funny turns and intriguing twist which leave the scoundrels in the film, and the innocents watching it, somewhat baffled. The gags are made with calculated timing and ended deliberately. Liveliness of action demands of the actors. Pran and Randhir Kapoor, a corresponding quickness and they are not found wanting. Pran fills a cameo role as well, or rather two of them, a Bengali doctor and an old quawwal with a silver beard. In both he is funnier than as Lal, the comical crook. His Bengali pronunciation of Hindi is flawless.

Lafange is Mumtaz's last film. Film heroes will remember her as perhaps the only actress in recent times who could be utterly natural and uninhibited in a romantic scene. Her charm, sensuality ebullience and **joie de vivre** often made her heroes shy. Asha Sachdev is not called upon to do much except to exhibit her bodily endowments.

**JAAN HAZIR HAI**
**Directed by Manohar Nath Rangroo**
**Produced by Vijay Anand**

This represents the first film venture of those behind as well as before its camera. It boasts of three new stars to the lead — Prem Krishan (Prem Nath's son who somewhat resembles Sanjeev Kumar and Rishi Kapoor), Shekhar Kapoor (Vijay's Anand's nephew who could be Vijay doubl.) and Nitasha (one time leading lady Veena's niece).

The purpose of the film is to expose anti-social elements who manufacture fake products and trade in adulterated goods. Trilok Kapoor as the leader of the gang apes Anwar Hussain but imitation remains imitation. The most one can say of this picture is to wish those associated with it better luck.

**DARSHAK IN DEMOCRATIC WORLD**

**Rajeev Rajan and Miss Amita Gupta stood first and second respectively in the National Science contest for 1975.**

## Acupuncture Had S. Indian Origins?

Madras, July 14 (UNI): Acupuncture, the Chinese method of tratment, had its origin in South India, according to the Tamil Nadu Health Minister, Mr. Anbazhagan.

Mr. Anbazhagan claimed recently that acupuncture was based on "Varma Kalai" a Dravidian method of treatment, which was still prevalent in the Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli districts of Tamil Nadu. Mr. Anbazhagan said the Chinese, who came to India some 2,000 years ago, acquired the knowledge.

In the "Varma Kalai" system, a person is made to lose consciousness by merely massaging certain parts of the body. Unlike the Chinese system in which needles are inserted to do this. The Chinese then treated for his ailment.

## New Experiment In Cooperatives

New Delhi, July 10 (UNI): A new experiment to manufacture polyester fabrics in the handloom sector is being launched by the Petrofils Cooperative Ltd., a joint veriture of the Government of India and the cooperatives.

This will be the first time that handloom weavers and knitters will be making an entry into an area, which has been an exclusive preserve of the organized sector.

The Petrofils will soon be starting demonstration centres in various parts of the country to train weavers in the handling of polyester filament yarn in making fabrics, according to its Managing Director, Mr. B. B. Mathur. He said that the Technical Services Department of Petrofils would help weavers and knitters to modify their looms and knitting machines for handling polyester fiament yearn.


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# More Than Lip Service To Women's Year

The general body of the Hindu Samstha of Nova Scotia unanimously decided recently to commemorate "1975 International Women's Year" by electing women to all the open executive positions of the organization for 1975-76 year. The constitution of the organization demands the organization secretary's elevation to General Secretary's position and thus the top post could not be offered for election.

The new executive: General Secretary, A. L. Anand (Port Hawkesbury); Organizing Secretary, Mrs. Savita Hajela (Halifax); Social Secretary, Mrs. Kamlesh Mathur (New Glasgow); Treasurer Secretary, Mrs. Neeraj Dogra (Halifax); Library Secretary, Mrs. Mohini Bhushan (St. Peter); Member, Miss Shashi Bhasker (Sydney); Ex. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Y. N. Joshi (Antigonish); Pandit Ji (Official Priest), Ravi Dogra (Halifax).

This is the first time that any Hindu or East Indian organization in Canada has a majority of women on their executive. No other religious organization of any denomination has made a similar gesture.

The place of women in Hindu Society has been quite high since time immemorial. The women have contributed extensively towards religion, literature, administration and even led armies in the battle field. The number of women occupying high positions in Government, politics, law, medicine, literature and scientific research in present day Hindu Society far exceeds the corresponding figure in any other society in the world.

Hindu Samstha of N.S., as a part of its contribution to the communities surrounding the place of its worship, is planning to start "YOUGA LESSONS" at the Hindu Temple from September 1, 1975. They will be held under the direction of Satish Joshi, Port Hawkesbury, will be free of cost and open to all interested. Please contact P. O. Box 513, Port Hawkesbury, N.S. for further information.

# Carleton Fails, Student Dies

R. A. Roxborough

This is a letter I enclosed with a dead friend's tax return. It's a rather tragic story and I feel some of the blame should be shouldered by Carleton and an effort made tosee that it doesn't happen again.

Professor Don Nanayakkara was a student of Comparative Literature at Carleton University during the 1973-74 session. He was brought here, from Ceylon, by the university with the understanding that they would support him. Ceylon's foreign policy prohibits capital leaving the country. As it turned out, they charged him for tuition and refused to give him a return ticket home. When he subtracted these expenses and various deducations (including tax, UIC, CPP, OHIP, etc.) from the scholarship and meagre salary paid by Carleton he had very little to live on. By April of '74 he was desperate. He applied to Carleton for summer work and was refused. He applied to the government and local business firms and again was refused.

By the beginning of May, he was broke and completely demoralized. He could no longer afford food. Being a proud man, he kept this to himself for some time. When the landlord noticed how weak Don was becoming, he fed him. On (or about) May 15th, with the advice of the Sri Lanka embassy, Don flew home - an unhappy, unhealthy man.

The landlord received a letter a few weeks later, Don had died of malnutrition 3 days after he had arrived home in Ceylon. Died of malnutrition in Canada! I feel Carleton has been very negligent in its responsibilities to this man. Surely 'they' could have given him work or at least have guided him, in some way, to agencies which could help him. As Don was 43, he had few student friends for advice. Had I been in Ottawa at this time, I would have gladly looked after him. If Canada is supporting these foreign students, surely there should be some sort of follow-up program to assist and guide these people.

His widow and family are now living on a small pension from his previous employment as a Professor at the University in Ceylon. This $69.00 tax rebate, then, will mean a great deal to them.

## Small Pox Eradicated

New Delhi, July 11 (UNI): The Health Minister, Dr. Karan Singh, said that India had eradicated the scourge of small pox and described it as one of the "greatest achievements of mankind equivalent to nuclear explosion or putting man in space".

Appearing in a Delhi Television interview, Dr. Karan Singh said figures received from field and all other sources including the World Health Organization (WHO) has confirmed that as on June 30 there was not a single indigenous case of small pox in the country.

He said this "remarkable achievement was the result of a concerted, intensive research strategy decided upon in 1974".

## Drilling Rigs Made

New Delhi, July 11 (UNI): India's off-shore oil drilling operation will get a big boost when the Mazagon Dock in Bombay starts rolling out sophisticated off-shore drilling rigs and fixed platforms later this year.

According to Rear Admiral E.C. Kuruvila, Chairman and Managing Director of Mazagon Dock big plans are underway for constructing off-shore drilling rigs, semi-submersibles and jack up rigs. He said according to present plans, India should not only be self-sufficient in manufacture of sophisticated oil drilling equipment but also be in a position to undertake export orders.

## Haryana Minister Resigns

Chandigarh, July 13 (UNI): The Haryana Social Welfare Minister, Mr. Bhajan Lal, resigned in pursuance of the advice of the Chief Minister, Bansi Lal.

Bhajan Lal, once number two in the state cabinet, was elected to the state assembly from Adampur Constituency where he had defeated the Bhartiya Lok Dal leader, Devi Lal.


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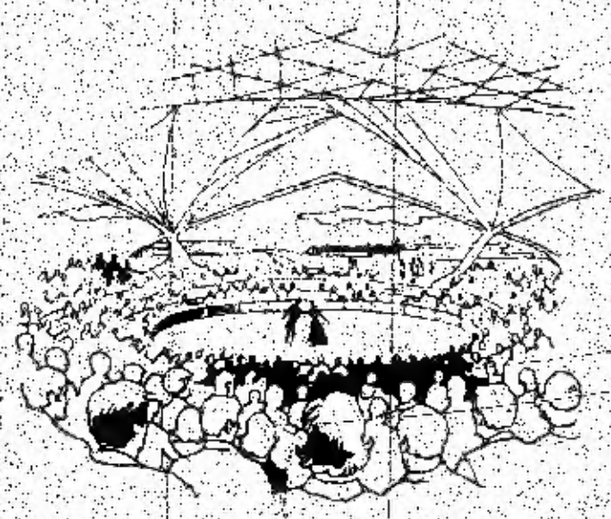

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# A Trip To India

By E. J. Wood

The most expensive piece of advice I got before scampering off around the world was( "If you don't want stomach trouble, drink nothing but beer".

Now this is the kind of exhortation I listen to . Urge me to do unto others or look before I leap and I'll yawn. Offer me an excuse to throw both arms around John Barleycorn and I'm your man.

I must admit that the advice was sound, medically speaking. Aside from a craving for Aspirin with breakfast, I never had a moment's sickness. But nobody told me how hot it is in India. I was so persistently mellow that I found myself tossing out bundles of rupees like a man taking part in a paper chase. I'm sure that, under the rosy glow induced by the local hops, I'd have bought a Venus de Milo with a clock in her stomach if anyone had been smart enough to show me one.

I had a good time in India. It began in Calcutta, where I checked into the Great Eastern Hotel, as fine an edifice as you'd have found in Wheeling, West Virginia, in the depths of the Depression. There, after having my luggage passed from hand to hand, each of which expected to open and close over a chunk of currency, I was delivered to the world's dreariest bedroom. I tipped the porter 10 rupees. This caused him to raise the money to his nose and duck his head, meanwhile peering at me out of the corner of his eye in a gesture which may have meant, "May the moon of erotic delight shine endlessly through your casement, O Generous One", or alternatively "Up yours, cheapskate". I am no expert at Hindi body language.

Then I sauntered out to see the town.

There is nothing funny in Calcutta. The old joke about the photographer who gave the starving beggar a fiftieth of a second at f16 does not help. You see so many beggars, you'd run out of film by the second block.

Unmugged, I escaped to Delhi a day later. This is a Hollywood cliche, full of pink sandstone forts and temples, each of which was described by my cab driver as, "Temple, sahi very nice". The whole gorgeous anachronism was overlaid by a wedge of air pollution. We arrived at its source, the local power station, which my driver dutifully pointed out as, "Temple, sahi".

The next morning, having missed the air-conditioned dayliner on which the rich folk had whistled away to see the Taj Mahal, I took a cab. It's about 100 miles and the fare was 50 bucks — a dollar or two more than the hack would have brought at auction. Off we set, with the driver's hand fixed to the horn button. First stop was the Kosi Restaurant. Here I met a snake charmer, an athletic fellow who galloped alongside the cab as I approached, waving an eight-foot cobra and urging me to take its picture. Not wanting to disappoint him I did so, only to have the ingrate hold out his hand for baksheesh.

Now I don't know what the law says about armed robbery with a cobra, but we compromised on five rupees for him and a 10-yard start for me.

The Taj Mahal is, no joking, the most beautiful man-made object I've ever seen. It belongs on somebody's charm bracelet. The locals have never visited anything as fancy as the CNE so they don't realize what a tourist trap they have here. A mere half-rupee (six cents) gets you in.

My guide advised me to stick around and see the building by the full moon. Stick around where? My driver, the prince of thieves, solved the problem for me. Why didn't I invest in a couple of flagons of Sun lager and visit the house of his friend?

At this point, what little hair I still have began to stand on end. I could imagine my poor pink torso, stripped of anything useful, floating down river to furnish free lunch to the crocodiles. But thirst prevailed. And, besides, my feet were on fire from a surfeit of shrine-watching.

So he drove me off to the edge of the city and delivered me into the custody of his friend, a purveyor of plastic elephants. There I found myself in the back of your standard Indian store, sipping beer from a brown paper bag and playing peekaboo with a 12-inch rat that apparently lived in the gift department.

Having established that I was not there to play kissyface with any of the young ladies who subscribed to his dating service, I settled down to bargain for the thing I most needed in the entire world. A sari.

Slowly, over two hours, I beat him down to half what he was asking, three times what he expected to get. For a mere small fortune, I was the proud and somewhat squiffy owner of five metres of silk, laced throughout with 22-carat gold thread. He assured me that if times got tough I could render the garment down and recover my cost in bullion. I left them all slapping one another on the back and attempting to carry on their shoulders the salesman who'd dealt with me.

I returned to the Taj. Everyone tells you (rightly) that it's beautiful. What they don't say is that viewing it at night is hazardous to your health. The whole place is a maze of sunken gardens and steps and pools. After falling down three or four moderately deep holes, I found myself on the east side, waiting for the moon to come up and strike me blind.

It was a magic moment, colored only by the funny-smelling smoke from the cigarettes of the hippies lying about waiting to groove on the view. And by the voice of a horrible child playing a name game with his dad. They were arguing about a town beginning with the letter D.

The kid commented that he had a town . It was called Deer Factory and it was in Canada. This was too much. I sauntered over and suggested he was wrong. Moose Factory, yes, Red Deer, yes. But never the twain should meet.

His father, who had been losing, thanked me. Nodding my sahib's nod, I turned and strode away through the dark, hit my shin on a marble bench and collapsed.

Despite the lacerations, the view was worth it. And later, with my sari tucked into my shirt, I drove back, in convoy with another cab, musing that it might have been pleasant to see the Taj Mahal by moonlight in the company of a lady whose ear was available for a little nibble.

Halfway back we stopped at Kosi again, finding everything closed. However, at my tearful pleading the driver pulled in at the only washroom in town, an obscene urinal under the stars. At this point the other cab stopped and out stepped the prettiest lady in India, alone.

So instead of meeting her at the

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# U.S. Surcharge Resented

New Delhi, July 10 (UNI): The All India Shipper's Council has protested against the decision of the United States Shipping Conferences to institute a 12.5 per cent Suez Canal transit adjustment surcharge and incorporate it into the basic freight rates.

The East Coast of India-Bangladesh/United States Conference have in a telegram to the Shippers' Council intimated their decision to eliminate the current 12.5 percent deviation surcharge but substitute it with the Suez Canal transit adjustment surcharge.

The decision was taken by the Conferences unilaterally with effect from June 20 without any prior notice or consultation with the council.

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# A Look At Green Paper From Holland

By Leila Nair

For all of 24 months now, my Canadian experience has been a thing of the past and of the future. A few odd letters and newspapers span the present in absentia. There is also the weekly handout from Ottawa to its overseas citizens, a hodge-podge of this and that studded with seeming plums. It gave us a bit on the Green Paper, of how it was drafted in the belief that immigrants to Canada should be chosen on the basis of non-discrimination, regardless of race, colour or creed..., but nothing of the novel and distinctive from unmentionable Asian countries."

It seems to me that in the past two years, in the wake of the moral depletion of Watergate and Vietnam and the seeming threat of economic doom, Canadian attitudes have run for cover to the security of suburbia behinda neat white picket fence. When I left in 1973, the idealistic euphoria following the centennial celebrations had thinned a good deal, but it still prevaded the air. Canada was still wedded to good intentions. Despite signs of the seven year itch, people were still trying to match the reality to the vision and not vice versa. If Britain could produce Shakespeare, the US Einstein, Germany, Nietzche; Holland, Rembrandt; India, Gandhi; why not Canada, someone something, somewhere? Now, it appears to be, if the US can have segregation, Britain race riots, South Africa apartheid, Australia closed doors, why can't Canada have one or other or all of these? As usual the most frustrating bit is the fact that Canada hadn't thought up any of these herself and has seemingly been taken for a ride. 300,000 Indians! Phew! Just how dumb can a nation be? No less a person than Doug Collins of CBC TV and Radio fame wails in The Vancouver Sun: "Because of the race issue Britain, Australia and New Zealand have either cut off immigration entirely or reduced it to a trickle, and the US does nothing to encourage it. We are the only bolt hole left, but Ottawa seems to be convinced that if we haven't had certain troubles in the past, then for our sins we deserve to have them in the future". So goes the racist reflex to the Green Paper.

**ONE WORLD**

In itself, the Green Paper seems harmless enough, if not quite straight forward. There is a good deal of surreptitious finger pointing. But if government lacks the capacity to think big and follow with decisive action, it still seems to have the decency to be shame faced about its evident desire to turn back. Not so the popular reaction though. White prejudice seems to have finally come into its own in Canada. It is as though the country had made a nervous, hesitant bid to lead the world to racial equality, found itself alone, and is scrambling back to tail the line of smug superiority. Just how it could all affect the odd 4 percent of the population who are coloured, has been spelt out all too clearly, time and time again in about every continent in the world. But the set back it is for the nation as a whole, which might otherwise have been a step ahead in tomorrow's world, is something that neither past nor persent can truly assess. White Canada seems determined to let slip the gingerly hold it had to the vision of a One World that has constantly beckoned, but evaded history.

Coming down from larger issues to the immediate, it seems important that as a minority group, we have a considered approach to the pressures that are obviously building up. Since the Notting Hill riots of 1969, the coloured population of Britain have given themselves some sort of security, if not acceptance, on the threat of meeting violence with violence. News reports show that the same ideas have occurred to some in Canada as well. Whatever short term results it might bring in, in the long run it can mean no more than yet another casualty in ideals. Moreover, the problems that beset the Indian in Britain bear no comparison to that in Canada. Largely, theirs is a struggle for survival; ours for well being. And whatever the positive results of the use of force, goodwill has never formed a part of it. Another fact that is in grave danger of being eclipsed by popular grievance is that there are very many of us who have nothing but friendliness and happy associations to show up as personal experience with the host population. In formulating a course of conduct and action, the objective should be to make such experience the norm, and not the exceptions.

## Gujarat Speaker

Gandhinagar, July 11 (UNI): Probably for the first time in the history of Indian legislatures, the Presiding Officer and his deputy belonging to two opposite camps were elected without any contest in Gujarat.

Kundanlal Dholakia (Congress-Opposition) a nominee of the ruling Janata Front, was unanimously elected Speaker and Manubhai Palchiwala (Congress) which is in the Opposition was elected Deputy Speaker without contest.

## India Trip

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world's foremost beauty spot, I stood on guard for her while she commented "Oh God" and vanished into the loo.

Later over Cokes, warm and musty from 15 years in the local merchant's oven, I found she was the original girl from Ipanema, working at the Brazilian embassy in Delhi.

Why, without the mundane pressure of all that beer, I might never have met her. I don't believe I'll ever quit drinking the stuff.

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## Instant Tea Soon

Calcutta, July 11 (UNI): A Rs 1.2 million ($160,000) pilot plant to manufacture instant tea with indigenous know-how will be set up at Tockali Experimental Station in Jorhat, Assam to collect engineering data and conduct extensive consumer trials.

Sponsored by the Tea Board, the plant, the first of its kind, will manufacture instant tea from green tea leaves of the North East region.

Scientists of the Applied Chemistry Department of Calcutta University led by Dr. M. M. Chakraborty have developed the know-how and process during their 12 year study to manufacture instant tea from green and black tea leaves. Except for one component nozzle of the spray dryer which has to be imported, the entire plant will be fabricated in the country.

Dr. Chakraborty told UNI that a team of scientists had developed and standardised instant tea. The Tea Board had financed the scheme. The new product in powder form possessed good colour. "It is readily soluble both in cold and hot water and difficult to distinguish whether it is made from instant or normal tea," he said.

A method to maintain equality and storage of the instant tea had also been developed, he added.

## Coal To Cut Oil Import

Bombay, July 11 (UNI): The country's foreign exchange drain due to petroleum import can be adequately compensated by multiplying coal production, Indian Koada and Transport Development Association President A. D. Dhung said.

"If we export three tonnes of coal for each tonne of crude oil we import, the current fuel crisis can be blessing in disguise. The fuel crisis, therefore, cannot be a reason for not developing the country's roads",

Mr. Dhungra said since an increase in national income by one per cent called for increase of transport capacity by about three per cent, the achievement of plan targets depended on 80 percent expansion of the road transport capacity in the next four years.


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# Rituranga: A Dance For All Seasons

By Jaya Subramaniam

Padma Sri Suchitma Mitra of Calcutta, presented "Rituranga — frolics in Ottawa on the 4th of July under the patronage of the India Canada Association and the Deshantari club. The auditorium was full and so was the stage with thirty two dancers and musicians.

The music and dances of "Rituraaga" were by no means entirely original. Celebrating the various seasons is a time honoured Indian tradition - Kalidasa, the immortal dramatist has crowned this in his "Rithu Samhara". Rabindranath Tagore, knew every word of this poem and the Sangeet for the original seasonal dances of Viswabharati bears testimony to this.

The songs were sweet and melodious and I am sure kindled nostalgic memories in the minds of the audience, particularly the Bengalis. One striking feature of the dancers was that all the female artists were uniformly pretty and seemed to be of the same size, which was very pleasing to the eyes. The male dancers' lack of looks was made up for, by their skill in dancing. The costumes were colourful and traditional and the makeup excellent.

The absolutely basic and elementary choreography of Tagore was fully retained, which tempts me to suggest that while Tagore did this with a purpose, there is no need to continue the tradition once the purpose has been achieved, which is the case in Bengal — music and dancing reaching the masses of the villages and forming part of their lives.

After the auspicious sprinkling of coco-cola all over the foyer by the children, "Folk dances of India" commenced and gathered momentum. The second item "Tarja" was thoroughly enjoyable. Just for this item language was no barrier — what could be more expressive than husband and wife fighting?

The other items namely folk dances of Assam, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Orrissa and Maharashtra, though not extrordinary, were well performed.

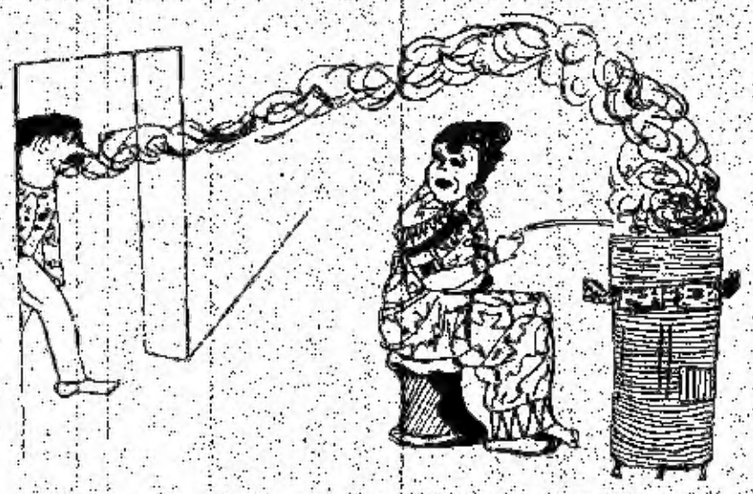
The two creative dances "Young father" and "runner" were novel ideas. It is a pity though that the "Young fathers" actions were limited and repetitive. The theme has room for a great deal of action — for instance, to stop the baby crying, the father could have shown the birds, the moon, the household pets, the little monkey in the garden, he could have attempted to feed the baby, dance and sing for him etc. etc. The baby cry by the musicians won a hearty applause.

The Commentary in "English" was a catastrophe and repeating the names of the participants could have easily been avoided.

On the whole, a delightful evening and the two associations are to be congratulated.

## KITCHEN KORNER

By Pramati Sengupta



The easiest, and perhaps the best, summer dessert is fresh fruit "as is". Unfortunately, even the very best of foods can become boring when served too often in the same old way. And that shouldn't happen to canned mangoes. Canned mango should be one of the most useful things on our kitchen shelf because, with it, you don't ever need to be stuck for an idea for a really interesting dessert. Do you ever get a desire for a cool, creamy and delicious kulfi in the summer months? Yet you can't buy or don't know how to prepare them - well, this is your chance; because it is a favorite of mine too. It is an old-fashioned ice cream, easy to make; which you can freeze right in your freezer. But I finally discovered that some of its variations - using canned mango - could be just as delicious. So for a quick, but special dessert, I often make mango kulfi. Mango kulfi served with maple syrup is a refreshing dessert - healthful too, and is an ideal finale to a meal with a quite hearty main course. It will satisfy your sweet tooth and help you keep cool at the same time.

**MANGO KULFI**

1 large can (2 lbs.) mango pulp
1 large can (16 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
½ pint (18 percent) table cream
3 tbsp. corn flour mixed with little milk until smooth
½ cup chopped pistachio

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Pour the thick mixture into individual kulfi cones or popcicle moulds. Freeze. The consistency will be little harder than ordinary ice creams; it melts quickly and must be eaten within a few minutes. For creamier kulfi - pour mixture into freezer tray and freeze thoroughly. Remove from freezer; break into small pieces and place in large bowl of electric mixer; add light cream, (a little at a time) and beat with electric mixer until smooth and creamy - about 10 minutes. Return to freezer tray and freeze.

## A Welcome Appointment

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## Sujan To Visit U.S.

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## New U.K. Aid

New Delhi, July 10 (UNI): India will receive Rs. 672.3 million (89.64 million) as grants from the United Kingdom. Three agreements were signed here to this effect.

## Children's Village

New Delhi, July 14 (UNI): The Delhi Administration will soon set up a "Child Gram (Child Village)" to provide orphan children with a home and a foster mother.

Disclosing this, the Executive Councillor (Social Welfare) Mr. Krishan Swaroop told newsmen that the Gram was being established at Gadai Pur village in the Mehrauli Development Block.

He said to begin with, ten homes would be built in the gram. Ten orphans would be housed in each home with a foster mother as in-charge.

## Oysters In Saurashtra

Rajkot, July 10 (UNI): Saurashtra coastal waters are thickly clustered by edible and pearl-bearing oysters, many varieties of which are still unknown to the world, according to Dr. K. M. Desai, a fisheries expert of the Saurashtra University.


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## Frenchmen's Craze For Indian Music

New Delhi, July 12 (UNI): French musicologists have a craze for Indian musical instruments and Sanskrit songs. They dislike Indian artistes using violin and harmonium instruments of foreign origin.

This was stated here recently by Mrs. Samyukta Panigrahi, the eminent Odissi dancseuse, who recently returned from France after a two-month lecture-demonstration tour.

Mrs. Panigrahi told UNI that to meet this demand she had carried with her own Indian musical instruments including flute, pakhwaj and tānpura.

Her husband, Raghunath Panigarhi, had to sing Sanskrit classical songs as an accompaniment to her dance performances.


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### Chinai Dead

Bombay, July 5 (UNI): Mr. Babubhai M. Chinai, member of Parliament, died of heart attack here July 4. He was 62.

He is survived by his wife, six sons and two daughters.

### World Body On Women Suggested

New Delhi, July 10 (UNI): India has called for an international survey of the gaps in the position of equality of women so that a pragmatic plan of action can be evolved.

The suggestion was put forward by the leader of the Indian delegation, Mrs. Prabha Rau, at the World Conference of the International Women's Year in Mexico City June 24.

Mrs. Rau pointed out that an inter-ministerial committee of the Central Government is already at work in India to prepare a national prospective plan for raising the status of women. She, however, made it clear that women's claim for equality did not imply any confrontation with men.

### Fireproof Wood

Lucknow, July 13 (UNI): The Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, has developed a method for making wood fire retardant.

### Chemicals Fair

New Delhi, July 10 (UNI): India's first-ever export-oriented specialised trade fair for the chemical and chemical engineering industry will be held in Bombay between November eight and twelve.

Mr. Mohammed Fazal, Chairman of the Engineering Projects India Ltd. (EPI) and Convener of the Fair, told newsmen here that India could export to the neighbouring countries, particularly to the Gulf countries equipment for chemical plants, expertise and manpower to earn valuable foreign exchange.

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